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## ABSORBING THE PROGRESSIVES.

At the Republican state conference in New York, Job E. Hedges, former candidate for governor, suggested a very simple plan for getting the Progressives back into the Republican party. "Let's tell them to come on back and stop their nonsense, and let's get busy," said Mr. Hedges.

It must be admitted that this is simplicity itself. Mr. Hedges refers to the Progressive doctrine as "nonsense," and his inference is that all the Progressives need do is to abandon their platform and return completely repentant to the Republican party. Unfortunately, most Republicans do not expect to find the task so simple. It is likely, however, that great numbers of Progressives can be persuaded to drop many of the trivial "isms" that were adopted on the theory that the Progressives must become more radical than the Democrats if they expected victory in the election of 1912. These radical declarations were merely war measures and can be repudiated without regret. The idea was that the Progressives should adopt every reform that had any semblance of popularity and try to combine all those elements of protest that were not included within the ranks of the Democratic party. If the more radical planks were now cast aside, the Progressives would simply be throwing overboard useless timber that never found much favor with thinking members of that party.

The return to important issues would help in bringing back the Progressives to Republicanism. Already there are signs that the Democratic theories with reference to the larger issues are not working out to the satisfaction of the American people. The Democrats can plead that they have not yet had much of an opportunity to prove the value of their ideas, and this concession may be granted them. Nevertheless, Republicans who believe in their party's principles feel confident that the present Democratic administration will prove a failure so far as the important issues are concerned; and on these issues the Progressives and Republicans can reunite under the old banner.

## ULSTER'S THREAT.

Evidently the men of Ulster have not been keeping up with the rest of the inhabitants of mother earth in the onward march of civilization. News comes from London that the British government has prohibited the importation of arms into Ireland, and from Dublin comes the information that an uprising of Orangemen is expected to follow, the Ulstermen having been pretty well supplied with munitions of war since Sir Edward Carson began his crusade.

The differences between the north and south of Ireland are religious, not political. The Ulster men have not changed their views since the days of Cromwell, have resisted during the intervening years all efforts of the government of Great Britain to deal justly with the Irish Catholics. They fought the emancipation bill just as they are fighting home rule and darkly predicted the return of the British empire to "popery" and wooden shoes should the bill be enacted.

The emancipation bill passed in spite of religious prejudice and the Irish people began to emerge from the gloom of unjust discrimination. The land bill followed after a lapse of years and the Emerald Isle became fairly prosperous, the Ulster men all the while bending every energy to block the wheels of progress. All this in face of the fact that they shared in the general prosperity and the consequent social uplift.

Now that a great party in Great Britain proposes to establish home

rule in Ireland, we find the same backward spirit in Ulster, the same narrow view, the same religious prejudice that has been exhibited every time something for the good of the whole country has been proposed. The Ulster men evidently fear to meet their brethren of the south of Ireland on equal ground. They would like a revival of the repressive acts which kept the Catholic portion of Ireland in virtual bondage for so many years.

It will not do. Civilization is too far advanced to halt at the behest of the north of Ireland reactionaries. Home rule will come even if delayed beyond the time set for the passage of the bill by the British parliament, and if the inflammable followers of Sir Edward Carson take up arms, so much the worse for them.

People familiar with British history remember the Lord George Gordon riots. The Ulster uprising, if it really occurs, will probably end in a similar miserable fiasco.

## NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

Feats of newspaper enterprise have been so common for many years past that the average American has reached the point when scarcely anything can surprise him. It is probable that the New York American broke all records for expense and speed in order to obtain a new picture for its regular edition.

The American wanted new pictures of the Sayre-Wilson wedding. After the ceremony in the White house a week ago Tuesday, the couple were photographed. As soon as the photographers had completed their work at the White house, they jumped into an automobile and were driven to the railroad station, where a special train was waiting for them. It was 8:10 when they boarded the special, consisting of two cars, a Pullman and a coach, to which was attached a fast locomotive. In a few minutes the train was speeding along at the rate of sixty miles an hour. A little later they struck a sixty-five-mile an hour gait. Wilmington was reached at 9:55 and Philadelphia at 10:25. At 12:10 the train arrived in Jersey City, where a special ferry boat was waiting to take the photographers across the river. Forty-five minutes later they were in the American office. The actual running time from Washington to Jersey City, a distance of 238 miles, was three hours, forty-eight and one-half minutes, exclusive of stops. This is said to be the fastest time ever made between the two cities. The photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre in their bridal finery appeared in the American on Wednesday morning. The best of these photographs was, by arrangement with the International News Service, which handles the Hearst features, sent to The Tribune and reproduced in this paper last Sunday morning.

The Tribune is not giving this narrative because it is so very extraordinary, for it really is not. The New York paper simply decided it had to have a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre taken after the ceremony and made the arrangements to take the picture, provided the photographer and then hired a special train in order to get the picture to New York in time for publication in the regular edition of the American. There is nothing extraordinary about this. Since the days when the New York Herald sent Stanley to find Livingston, the metropolitan American newspaper has led the world in enterprise and distanced all of its foreign competitors.

## "ENGLISH AS SHE'S WRIT."

Dr. F. N. Scott of the University of Michigan is deeply grieved and not a little alarmed at the devastating influence of the daily newspaper upon the king of English. In despair, Dr. Scott exclaims: "Of what use is it to drill pupils in grammar, to sweat over compositions, to spend month after month in the reading and study of English masterpieces, if steadily, day by day, some powerful disintegrating agency nullifies all that we have accomplished?" Not even the Bible, adds Dr. Scott, can compete with the daily newspaper as the most powerful and persuasive influence of our day and nation.

It is a curious coincidence that on the very day that Dr. Scott inveighed so strenuously against newspaper English, another eminent scholar, Dr. F. W. Beckman of the Iowa State college, arose in defense of that self-same kind of English. "The newspaper style," said Dr. Beckman, "which is becoming more and more essential in the equipment of every successful writer, is the clearest, most complete, and most interesting style in which things can be written. The news sense, the ability to see what is new and its new meaning to the great mass of humanity, is necessary to men in every field of endeavor, but especially to men who write. It is the news sense which enables the writer to see through a mass of non-essentials to the essential, through dead rubbish to living facts, through husks and shells to the kernels of truth. I believe in the news style, as the most efficient style of this modern day for presenting information through the written word. There is a vital, living quality in news writing that demands attention and grips interest."

The purpose of the written or spoken word is to convey a thought. The more directly that thought is carried the more deeply will it penetrate the mind and illumine the understanding. Dr. Scott's brand of English does not meet that requirement; Dr. Beckman's

does. Every editor of a newspaper knows that almost without exception men who hold chairs in colleges and universities cannot write for newspaper readers—more's the pity. The articles from the pens of scholastic luminaries are, as a rule, inordinately long, academic and oftentimes pedantic. No one of them, perhaps, could write acceptable accounts, for example, of the Lopez case. Were Dr. Scott required to collect the thousand and one details incident to a day's "story," marshal them in such order that, beginning his task at 1 o'clock in the morning, he must prepare a five-column article for the morning paper—could he do it? It is unlikely. Would his bond with classical English allow him to do it? Hardly. On the other hand, we think that Dr. Beckman could do it, and do it right well.

Dr. Scott stands horrified because newspapers permit the use of slang. As a matter of fact, there is only one department of a newspaper where slang is tolerated, and not much of it there. That is the sporting page. It is found there because slang offers a means of expressing a thought tersely and concisely—slang is used because classical English fails. In other departments of the newspaper the English is not only passable, but in innumerable instances, elegant. It is not often recognized as such because it appears in a newspaper and not in a book with gilt edges.

If Dr. Scott does not understand slang, he is missing much in life that is worth knowing. A study of newspaper slang is commended to him. It will not hurt him, nor will it make inroads upon his cherished classical ideals. A thorough newspaper man is master of slang as well as of English, and it is not of record that any newspaper man ever was the worse for his familiarity with the double tongue.

## SALT LAKE'S MARATHON.

Notably successful was the cross-city run. The field sports committee of the Commercial club, under the auspices the race was conducted, is to be congratulated upon the highly gratifying manner in which the event was arranged and carried out.

Cross-country runs, to which a cross-city run is closely allied, are the highest type of athletics. They afford an opportunity for wholesome sport in its best form. Governed by the strict rules of the American Amateur Athletic union, the runs are dependably free from irregularities. The close observance of those rules was instanced in the case of yesterday's run. Uninformed on the point, the committee had offered a motorcycle valued at \$200 as first prize. A. A. U. rules forbid prizes of greater value than \$35. The withdrawal of the motorcycle and the substitution of a gold watch were quickly brought about. This incident is cited to show the jealous regard that is cherished for amateur rules.

The young men who took part in yesterday's competition are the city's proudest lads. They ran a good race and the leaders came upon much honor. Those who finished lower in the list have the satisfaction of knowing that they pressed their successful rivals to the utmost.

It was the first affair of the kind in Salt Lake. The hope is that it will be followed with others in rapid succession. The keen interest manifested in yesterday's contest should not be permitted to flag. It seems a safe prediction that, whereas, there were half a hundred entrants in yesterday's race, the announcement of another run will call out thrice that number. It was a thing to boast of, was yesterday's run.

Sliding is again good in the Culebra cut.

Lopez seems to have gone up in smoke.

Remember Utah Products day, December 10.

General Pancho Villa, who has qualified as a murderer, naturally is being boomed for the presidency of Mexico.

It is rumored that the United States will trace Mindanao for Greenland. That's a cold deal for the U. S.

It is about time for Wilson to send another ultimatum and for Huerta to take another drink.

Some people are always late with their early Christmas shopping, but better late than never.

A Berlin specialist says knitting in bed is an excellent nerve tonic. We do not believe that it is nearly so good as sleeping in bed.

Former President Taft gave up Cincinnati as his home because he did not wish to practice law before judges whom he had appointed. We hope that Mr. Taft does not distrust his judges.

Now that firearms are denied the Ulster Unionists' army of 90,000, they will be compelled to keep up the warfare with jawbones similar to those which Samson used.

An exchange states that among the great reformers of the world the only red-headed one was John Bunyan. If

must not be forgotten, however, that Roosevelt is occasionally red-headed.

James Whitcomb Riley was recently accorded a public reception at Cincinnati. One of the banners bore a large portrait of the poet, with the words from one of his poems: "When God made Jim, he didn't do anything else but put his 'jes' sit around and feel good."—San Francisco Chronicle.

## Eye-Strain and Crime

A San Francisco school teacher, who had suffered much from eye troubles herself, at one of her visits to her oculist's office described an incorrigible child in her school who appeared to have some defect of sight. This suspicion had been repeatedly reported to her parents, but as they were poor as well as ignorant, nothing had been accomplished so far. She decided, therefore, to make an independent effort in the boy's behalf and solicited the assistance of her oculist's aid. There were doubts of any good accomplishments being possible, as the boy seemed both extraordinarily dull and superlatively mean. His teacher said that at the age of 11 years he was the worst child in her experience of many years in school work. He frequently played "hooky," associated with the worst boys of all ages, smoked cigarettes, swore like a trooper and lied outrageously; besides, he seemed to take a stupid pride in learning nothing and thwarting all her efforts. The only physical defect noticed was that he held print unusually close to his eyes. Examination showed one eye had two-sevenths and the other one-fifth of normal vision.

The boy was dumbly indifferent in the beginning to the eye test, but after much labor and aggravation, lenses were placed before his eyes, giving practically perfect vision at once, then he showed symptoms of being almost human. The glasses were ordered and the case gladly dismissed. More than a year afterwards the doctor saw the teacher again and inquiries were made with misgivings. The report was jubilant and astounding. She said that after she procured the glasses and had gained consent for his wearing them, the child's transformation was rapid and complete. He had become the willing slave of the teacher, where before he seemed to resent her every interest in him; he never missed a day in school, where formerly playing truant was

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chronic with him. He was the head of his class now, where previously he was too dull to be classed at all; he had voluntarily stopped his numerous bad habits and had become the marvel of the neighborhood as well as the joy of his parents, and so on.

The explanation of this metamorphosis is simple and natural. The child was more than three-fourths blind and no one had known it. He could not learn because he could not see, and his eyes and head undoubtedly pained him when straining to see. His incorrect and absurd answers made the other pupils laugh at and grieve him, so he hated everything connected with the school, and in playing truant he met the worst possible associates and learned from them his notable array of vicious habits. When he put on his glasses he saw the world for the first time clearly and in comfort. He therefore was able to learn and his ambition was aroused. Hence he loved schooling and the opportunity to show his real capability, and by regular attendance at school lost the bad companionship which was really responsible for his show of criminal tendencies. After the boy became the pride of the school, his parents took an interest in him, where before they ignored so unlovable a child. A boy who at the age of 11 was the worst

child in the school and neighborhood and was absolutely callous to all moral suasion, would probably have developed into a criminal. It is no exaggeration, therefore, to say that the development of a dangerous breaker of law and order of an extreme type was prevented by a pair of glasses.

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